New facility for Selkirk Avenue

North End location hosts social work and education programs

Selkirk Avenue in Winnipeg’s North End is now home to a new educational facility which is contributing to community revitalization efforts already taking place in the historic neighbourhood.

The University of Manitoba building is home to its inner city social work ACCESS program and the University of Winnipeg bachelor of education ACCESS program. “Accessibility to post-secondary education is a priority for the Manitoba government. We are strong supporters of the ACCESS programs,” said Advanced Education and Training Minister Diane McHugh at the Sept. 15 opening ceremony. “This new facility, located near the Urban Circle and the Murdo Scribe Centre, is an excellent addition to the neighbourhood. Together we are making a difference by building a healthier and more vibrant community.”

Designed by Prairie Architects, 485 Selkirk Avenue provides new space consistent with the needs of adult learners for two degree programs for students who have not traditionally considered post-secondary education: an education degree, through the Faculty of Education at the University of Winnipeg, and a social work degree, offered through the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Manitoba. Since 1981, the two programs had been located in Sir Sam Steele School on Chestnut Street in Elmwood.

“The University of Manitoba is proud to be part of the revitalization of Winnipeg’s North End,” said University of Manitoba president Emőke Szathmáry. “We have created a facility designed specifically for students, their instructors and support staff, allowing better access to the inner city social work program of the University of Manitoba and the education program of the University of Winnipeg. With the opening of this building, the visionary gift of the Moffat Family Fund at the Winnipeg Foundation will bring education, resources and learning vibrantly to life in the heart of Winnipeg.”

“The University of Winnipeg has part a high priority on Aboriginal education,” said Lloyd Axworthy, University of Winnipeg president. See 485 SELKIRK/UP 2.
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485 Selkirk Avenue reflects Aboriginal culture

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Canada's first new Medical School in a generation was opened on Sept. 13 by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty. The Northern Ontario School of Medicine is also the country's first twin site Medical School, with a West Campus located at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, and an East Campus hosted by Sudbury’s Laurentian University.

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

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every culture that ever manifested its presence on Selkirk Avenue has confirmed the same fundamental issue: how can its members become fully participating citizens of a new nation without abandoning the essence of themselves? That issue is as relevant to members of the First Nations who now call the North End home as it is to immigrants from afar, seeking refuge and the means to live a life that is in keeping with their culture.

The building provides appropriate for 21 people looking for work and sometimes play, and it provides facilities linked to Selkirk Avenue. Their faces and their dress speak of differences in origins and heritage, but to my eyes they are all familiar. We are like students of a new nation everywhere, and those who wish they could be students, curious and yearning to know. "This is such to tackle the is surely unfamilar, to seek formal learning in the programs offered there. Whether social work or education, each program holds the promise that the learning imparted, the learning absorbed, will become one’s own "second skin" and will provide the means to live a good and meaningful life. In this eternal hope of Selkirk Avenue and our university’s mission to disseminate knowledge to those able to benefit by it, are intertwined."

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From www.normed.ca/
The university is retiring its mainframe computer. Here’s what that means for you.

**By Dale Barbour**

*The Bulletin*

Systems renewal: at the University of Manitoba, you’ve either heard about it, are dealing with it or you’re anticipating it.

“This impacts everybody on campus,” administrative systems director Marvin Kocay said. “Whether you’re a researcher, you’re an employee being paid, a faculty member teaching a course, or a student taking a course you’re going to see an impact.”

The university’s mainframe computer is obsolete and will be decommissioned in December, 2006 which means that every administrative function that runs on that system has to be replaced.

The most spectacular example so far has been the employee records system which, among other jobs, keeps track of the university’s payroll. The system went “live” this summer ushering in a new look for the paycheques people receive and a new way of doing things for the people filling out the paperwork.

The change over hasn’t been without problems, however, as it did occur gradually and the new payroll system was launched and attempting to implement the new system has meant an increased workload for people involved in managing the payroll across the university. But things will get better. While the new employee records system is up and running, Kocay said that doesn’t mean they’re doing making improvements to it. The system is still being tweaked to cut down the amount of paperwork required.

“We appreciate people’s patience while we make changes that will streamline the process,” Kocay said. “Over the next six months we’re going to spend a lot of time improving it.”

The employee records system, however, is just one part of the puzzle. Last summer the university introduced a new system for its libraries and this spring the department of advancement services rolled out a new system to manage alumni and donor records at the university while staff benefits in a new pension management system.

Still under development are new systems for managing financial records at the university – for looking after billings and general budgets for example – and a new student records system. Both will roll out in 2006. The systems that manage research projects are also being revamped. Those systems track every thing from research data to grant applications.

Once all of the new systems are up and running, Kocay said it will change the way people work with the university.

The university has already introduced Jump as its student and employee portal, and Kocay said as the new systems are introduced people will be able to do more and more of their university business online through Jump.

“The new systems are much more web based,” Kocay said. “Professors will be able to punch in their students’ marks online and the students will have access to them.”

Change has been a long time coming. Kocay said the university was aware as early as the 1990s that its current technology was not meeting its needs. But at the time, programmers were still being tweaked to cut down the amount of paperwork required.

“The new systems are much more general tools to work with, which will have a positive impact on their learning and on the quality of care they provide for their patients.”

By Renée Barclay

*For The Bulletin*

Manitoba’s largest dental clinic just got better.

Recent upgrades at the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Dentistry have made its clinics among the best in North America, raising the calibre of patient care while creating a better learning environment for students.

The faculty recently installed 64 new dental units in the main clinic, and seven new dental chairs and lights were installed in the graduate periodontics clinic. Meanwhile, 11 outdated units in the graduate orthodontics clinic were also replaced with new equipment. The upgrade has made the Faculty of Dentistry one of Manitoba’s most modern dental facilities.

“It’s nice to now have brand new equipment in the whole faculty,” said Jack Stockton, associate dean (clinical).

“This has dramatically improved the dental training we offer at the University of Manitoba. Everything about our undergraduate and dental hygiene students are being given the most modern tools to work with, which will have a positive impact on their learning and on the quality of care they provide for their patients.”

The new, user-friendly units convert easily for left-handed or right-handed users, and they feature self-contained water systems, as well as an on-board dental assistant’s suction package. The 1040 Radius Package Units were supplied by A-dec at a cost of approximately $1 million.

“The dental equipment we have just installed at the university is the same equipment that is sold to dentists in private practice. The new units provide our students with the most advanced technology, and now we have the capacity to create a new state-of-the-art facility for dental care,” said Brian Trapp, equipment and maintenance technician for the Faculty of Dentistry, who oversaw installation of the dental units over the summer.

What makes this equipment appropriate for the faculty is that these units are very durable. They are made to last 20 years, and they are very easy to maintain, resulting in minimal down time,” he added.

These latest improvement add to the faculty’s already state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, which includes artificial heads and computerized teaching units.

The Faculty of Dentistry is also the first faculty in Canada to use high-tech, virtual reality training with its Gerald A. Niznick Dental Simulation Laboratory.

What’s being replaced and when

**EMPLOYEE RECORDS**

Keeps track of who works at the university and ensures they’re getting paid and able to access benefits.

The new system went live this summer. While there were some initial problems and the new system has increased the paperwork for human resources staff, the system is still being worked on to make it better for the university. In addition, the pension system went live in the spring.

**ALUMNI AND FUNDRAISING RECORDS**

Manages data related to alumni and donors to the university. The new system was introduced this spring.

**LIBRARY SYSTEMS**

New system introduced summer, 2004

**RESEARCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

A diverse group of systems that keep track of everything from grant applications to research funding and research data. Parts of the new system are already up and running with the remaining parts set to be introduced next year.

**FINANCIAL RECORDS**

The system has many modules. Examples include purchasing, payables, billings, budgets and the general ledger.

Go live date for new system: April, 2006. Some modules, such as purchasing will go live in advance of this start processing next fiscal year transactions.

**STUDENT RECORDS**

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Go live date for new system: The plan is to have the system go live for intersession, 2006. To support this, modules will go-live beginning in December, 2005 and through to the spring of 2006.

**Systems management coordinator Gordon Austin, left, and, administrative systems director Marvin Kocay look over the university’s new Unix-based computer system. The mainframe, in the foreground, is set to be retired at the end of next year.**

Photo by Dale Barbour
Name change is on the way for Continuing Education

**Senate**

The Continuing Education Division is changing its name to the Division of Extended Education. Senate gave its vote of approval to the name change at the Sept. 7 regular meeting of Senate. It will also need to go to the Board of Governors for approval.

“We wanted a title that better reflects the balance of programming we do,” Continuing Education dean Anne Percival said of the name change.

The title “Continuing Education” has been most closely linked with the division’s series of noncredit certificate programs. But that market has been steadily shrinking — falling 27 percent between 2000-01 and 2004-05 to the point where the noncredit and certificate programs represent only 18 to 20 percent of Continuing Education registrations.

Baby boomers, a large and obvious market for certificate and noncredit courses, are as keen as ever for life long learning, but Percival said there’s now a void of agencies that offer the type of programs the baby boomers are looking for.

More often than not, independent agencies have the flexibility required to focus on specific niche markets when it comes to programming.

The vast majority of Continuing Education has experienced growth in summer session, distance education and summer session. Between 2000-01 and 2004-05 registrations in those degree credit areas increased by 32 percent.

The university has also been able to extend its University 1 programming to Guzangzhou, China, through distance education arrangements.

“We see the new name, Division of Extended Education, as a way to speak in a different way to the community,” Percival said. The term “extended” has been picked up by other universities which offer programming similar to that of the University of Manitoba.

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**Senate briefs**

**ITALIAN STUDIES**

The Council on Post Secondary Education has approved the university’s request to establish a B.A. general and B.A. major in Italian Studies. The new options tap existing resources at the university and are ready for implementation this fall.

**DEAN SEARCH**

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**CALENDAR**

The university is merging its Calendar and Registration Guide into one comprehensive publication, Senate heard at a regular meeting of Senate on Sept. 7. The change is expected to save the university $15,000 per year. The university is also looking at how it lists faculty names to ensure people can find the faculty they’re looking for, no matter what variation of its name they’re using.

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**New PhD program is on the way for Architecture**

Senate gave its approval on Sept. 7 to a new PhD program in design and planning in the Faculty of Architecture. From Senate, the program will move on to the Board of Governors for final approval.

The new program is expected to take in two students annually in the first four years and up to four students in any one year thereafter.

The PhD program is intended to support advanced study and research of the built and natural environments, within the broad concept of architecture, from the perspective of four design and planning disciplines: architecture, city planning, interior design and landscape architecture. The program will tap the Faculty of Architecture’s unique ability to deliver a broad multidisciplinary education across the four design fields.

Graduate Studies dean Jay Doering said the program goes ahead it will make the 140th program administered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Senate member Judy Anderson noted it is the first year after the PhD program had raised some concerns about the number of PhD level staff available in the Faculty of Architecture for the program.

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**Senator**

However, Architecture dean David Wirty said the faculty will be adding an additional PhD faculty member in the coming months and is attempting to “grow its own PhDs” by encouraging current faculty to complete their PhDs.

“We believe the resources are there, we’ve given it a lot of thought and we believe we have the resources,” Wirty said.

While Senate gave its approval to the new program, the decision wasn’t unanimous. Senate member and history professor Mark Gabbert said while he didn’t doubt the Faculty of Architecture’s expertise to offer the program, he did wonder if the university had the resources to support it.

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Submitted by Janine Harasymchuk
Reconciliation in the Middle East must wait on peace

BY DALE BARBOUR

The Bulletin

If people went to the latest Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice lecture on Sept. 15 looking for easy answers they likely left disappointed.

Yaacov Bar-Siman-Tov, Gianscarlo Elia Valori professor of international relations for the study of peace and regional cooperation, Hebrew University of Jerusalem presented a lecture entitled The Prospects for Reconciliation in the Arab-Israel Conflict, but if there was one overriding message it was that the prospects for reconciliation are a long way off.

"Reconciliation is the highest stage of the peace process," Bar-Siman-Tov said. Beyond simple peace making, reconciliation would mean both sides would have to apologize for their actions and let the process of forgiveness and compensation begin.

The relationship between Germany and Czechoslovakia provides one example of two countries that have undergone reconciliation. Czechoslovakia had grievances against Germany following the Second World War invasion, but the German people also had grievances against the Czech people because of the treatment German people in Czechoslovakia received after the country was liberated in 1945. True form of reconciliation didn't take place until 1997 when both sides apologized for their actions.

In the Middle East, the more immediate goal has been to get people to stop killing each other. Bar-Siman-Tov said the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the construction of the controversial "security fence" between the Israeli and Palestinian people have both been done with an eye to cutting the potential for violence between the two groups. But neither effort will achieve lasting peace with both sides still glaring at each other in animosity.

"If we have to change our views of the other side," Bar-Siman-Tov said.

Bar-Siman-Tov said the Egyptian/Israeli peace agreement signed in 1979 has been criticized as a peace agreement between the political leaders. It means Egypt and Israel enjoy a cold peace, with the underlying hostility between the two peoples remaining unsettled.

"It was not an agreement between the Egyptian and Israeli peoples," Bar-Siman-Tov said. "We have to bring society into the peace process."

And yet that peace agreement has served the Middle East well.

"If we exclude Egypt from the conflict we don’t have major wars," Bar-Siman-Tov said. "If Egypt was not involved we would have a war every few years."

With Egypt involved as a player, there was the chance that Israel could be eliminated through war. As things stand, Bar-Siman-Tov said, there is no chance for a military solution to the problems in the Middle East. Israel cannot eliminate the Palestinians and the Palestinians, though groups such as Hamas may believe otherwise, cannot eliminate Israel.

That stalemate means peace will have to be achieved eventually – but it would have to include all the partners in the Middle East. As it stands, Egypt, as one example, can be used to the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, as motivation for not entering into warmer relations with Israel.

After peace is achieved and the two sides have ceased open hostilities, Bar-Siman-Tov said then, eventually, reconciliation might be possible. But for now, he said he would be happy if Israel and its Arab neighbours and the Palestinians could achieve the same sort of peace it has achieved with Egypt.

"If I were to be more modest I would say it’s better to have a cold peace than a warm war," Bar-Siman-Tov said. "If we reach a cold peace with all our partners I’ll be happy."

Finders keepers for college staff member

It pays to be honest.

Certainly University College canteen staff member Emily Dinoto found that out when she found a wad of cash in University College earlier this year.

Dinoto and a University College co-worker found a fairly substantial amount of money in University College at the beginning of the year. Dinoto hung on to it for the day in the canteen and let the process of forgiveness and compensation begin.

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U of M students bring a Day of Caring to Urban Circle Training Centre

Want to do a little team bonding? Maybe a Day of Caring is the way to go.

Student staff from the housing and student life team, also known as resident advisors, senior resident advisors, and residence life coordinators, participated in a United Way Day of Caring at Urban Circle Training Centre on Aug. 27.

“The residence advisors come back to the university early for training, and every year we spend a day on a project intended to help build a sense of camaraderie among the students,” housing and student life program coordinator Meghan Laube said.

To that end, over 40 members of the residence staff spent the day painting, labouring and generally getting the Urban Circle Training Centre ready for another year.

Several residence life coordinators, also senior resident advisors, and the student life team, also known as resident advisors, participated in the Day of Caring at the Urban Circle Training Centre on Aug. 27.

The crew of student staff who helps Housing and Student Life manage its residences on campus took a break from their training last month to take part in a United Way Day of Caring at the Urban Circle Training Centre on Selkirk Ave. The crew was set to work preparing the training centre for a new year of classes.

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Laube said.

For information about taking part in a United Way Day of Caring program call Gowenda Combs, United Way, 477 5360 ext. 206.

Léveillé conference comes to Winnipeg

The Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface is hosting an international conference on local writer J.R. Léveillé, featuring speakers from France, Germany, the United States and Canada.

J.R. Léveillé is the author of over 20 books: novels, poetry, visual texts and literary criticism, including the Anthologie de la poésie franco- manitobaine, which constitutes the most important documentation of Franco-Manitoban literature that has appeared so far. Léveillé is the recipient of numerous prizes and awards, including the Prix Champlain, the Prix Deschambault, and the Prix du Conseil général de France.

The conference will open with a gala event on Thursday Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. in the Salle Pauline-Boutal, 181 Freedman Crescent, Fort Garry Campus. For further information please consult the conference web site at http://colloqueleveille.cusb.ca.
U of M has a tight relationship with medical grads

Kolody’s career with the university has taken her through the CME office twice

A Day in the Life of a Continuing Medical Education office manager

BY DALE BARBOUR
The Bulletin

As a unit, Continuing Medical Education begins where most of the rest of the University of Manitoba leaves off. ‘All our programs are intended as post-graduate seminars and symposiums for family physicians in Manitoba,’ Kolody said. It’s an example of how closely the Faculty of Medicine works with both its graduates and physicians around the province. The symposiums are physician driven with the CME coordinating and organizing the events.

CME has two coordinators to bring in the speakers. As CME office manager, Kolody has the obvious task of running the affairs in the office, but she also ensures the speakers and physicians have a place to meet for their symposiums.

As a second part of her job, Kolody works with the U of M’s clinician assessment program. Gisèle Bourgeois-Law is the director for the program, which tests incoming physicians from other provinces and countries to ensure they meet the standards of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba.

“The physicians have to have practiced three out of the last five years and in order to get a licence in Manitoba they must have a job offer from a regional health authority,” Kolody said. Once they have that offer, they’re sent to the CAPE program for assessment.

It’s a three-day event. The first part of the assessment involves an oral exam, with two physicians examining the candidate’s response to two or three different medical cases.

“They’ll look at how they get to the diagnosis rather than the diagnosis itself. They’re actually assessing how the candidates think and how they get to the end result,” Kolody said.

The next day is spent writing a multiple choice exam as well as a therapeutics exam, followed by a third session that mimics a real medical situation with a doctor’s office and simulated patients.

None of the tests are pass or fail, Kolody said.

“They’ll examine the strengths and weaknesses of the candidate and once the assessment is complete the results are sent to the college to decide if the candidate gets a licence or not. If they have weaknesses in certain areas they can repeat that portion of the test.”

For her part, Kolody helps organize the tests, notify the candidates when they need to come and provide a venue for the testing to take place.

Working in the Continuing Medical Education office is a case of coming full circle for Kolody. She got her first job out of high school at CME as a receptionist and worked her way up to senior secretary for 10 years before taking time off to have a family. When she came back to work she got a job with the Faculty of Dentistry, but eventually moved back into CME as a receptionist and worked her way up to office manager.

“The business aspect always appealed to me. Even in high school,” Kolody said.

First-year dentistry and dental hygiene students were formally welcomed to Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene at the Faculty’s Opening Assembly on Sept. 15 at the Bannatyne Campus. Theatre A was filled with hundreds of friends, family, students and instructors, as the first-year students officially received their white laboratory coats during the White Coat Ceremony.

“The Faculty of Dentistry is committed to helping you have a successful and productive experience during your years at the faculty,” said Dean Johann de Vries. “Our main goal is to help students lead lives that are productive and rewarding, to be socially responsible and obtain personal fulfillment.”

The classes will have a distinctly Manitoba flavour.

Ninety-six per cent of Dental Hygiene’s class of 26 students is comprised of Manitobans, up from 81 per cent in 2004-05.

Meanwhile, in Dentistry, 86 per cent of the class of 29 students is made up of Manitobans, up from 79 per cent last year.
The Homecoming game is back for 2005. The Manitoba Bison kick off against the Simon Fraser Clan at University Stadium at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24. It will be there first time there has been a Homecoming Game on the Bison football schedule since the 2001 season.

But there will be more than just football to keep people entertained on Saturday. The doors to University Stadium open at 11 a.m. and there will be a pre-game party with kids of all ages. The halftime will feature a media football game with the best of Winnipeg's reporters from print, radio and television squaring off against one another.

The Homecoming game will also be broadcast on Shaw TV cable channel 11 at 1 p.m. for people looking to record the event. However, to truly experience the best of Bison football there's no better place than in the stands.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Agricultural and Food Sciences, Beetles and Biodiversity by Rob Boughley, entomology, Carolyn Sifton Lecture Theatre, 130 Agriculture Building, 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Native Studies, The Year of the Indigenous Woman, Marra Campbell, writer, playwright, theatre producer, filmmaker and masters student in Native studies, University of Saskatchewan, 545 Drake Centre, 9:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 23.

Icelandic Department, Yukonfarar: Icelanders and the Gold Rush by Nelson Gerrard, Icelandic Collection, 3rd Floor Elizabeth Dafoe Library, 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Juanita Reifschneider, professor of Catholic Literacy Studies and Literature, University of St. Thomas, Fr. Jensen SJ Theatre, 100 St. Paul's College, 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 26.

Canadian Association for the Advancement of Netherlandic Studies, Dear Erasmus by Barber Padmanabhan, mathematics, 415 Machray Hall, 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 26.

Archives and Special Collections, Ellis Island and Castle Garden Immigration 1895-1954 by Barry Moreno, librarian, Immigration Museum, Great Hall, University College, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Mathematics, Topic TBA by Ranganathan Padmanabhan, mathematics, 415 Machray Hall, 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Native Studies, Reflecting on Aboriginal nursing students distance technology by David Hulin, research assistant, Faculty of Nursing, 307 Tier Building, 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28.

Education, Leadership for School Improvement by Joseph Murphy, associate dean, professor of education, Peabody College of Education, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, 224 Education Building, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
Political Studies, Perceptions of Security in Germany and the United States, 1945 to the present by Ursula Lehmkuhl, director, John F. Kennedy Centre for North American Studies, Free University of Berlin, Concourse Lounge, University College, 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 29.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Psychology, Flirtatious Glances and Brave Overtures: Self-esteem and the Risky Business of Making the First Move by Jessica Cameron, department of psychology, P412 Duff Roblin Building, 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4
Mathematics, Superdecomposable pure-injective modules by Thomas Kacera, mathematics, 415 Machray Hall, 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5
Native Studies, Damin’ it all! Hydroelectric development in northern Manitoba by Ramona Neckoway, masters student, Native studies, 307 Tier Building, 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Fort Garry Campus

The Robert And Elizabeth Knight Distinguished Visiting Lecturer, being@world.home by Vibeke Sorensen, Professor of Film and Media Studies and Fellow in the Center for Film and Media Research at Arizona State University, 345 Drake Centre, 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7
Chemistry, Main-Group Supramolecular Chemistry by Ignacio Vargas-Baca, chemistry, McMaster University, 540 Parker Building, 2:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology, DNA repair in chlorobenzilate resistance in C. glomerata by Lawrence Panasiuk, director, division of research, Novadigm Technologies and adjunct professor, pharmacology, University of Manitoba, A229 Chown Building. Pharmacology Library, 9 a.m., Friday, Sept. 23.

Community Health Sciences Colloquium, The Future of Information-Rich Environments by Leslie Roos, community health sciences, Dr. Henry Havens Seminar Room, 8060 Medical Rehabilitation Building. 771 McDermot Ave., 12 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Immunology and the National Teaching Program in Allergy and Asthma Research Visiting Speaker Program, Linking Allergic Inflammation to Excessive Airway Narrowing in Asthma by R. Robert Schellenberg, division head, department of allergy and immunology, University of British Columbia. The Janety Hogg iCAPTURE Centre for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Research, 604-605 Basic Medical Sciences Building, 3:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 26.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, Lessons from the Manitoba Septic Shock Database: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly by Anand Kumar, associate professor, University of Manitoba, Theatre A, Basic Medical Sciences Building linked to NG002 St. Boniface Hospital. 8 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Clinical Presentation by MD Care, Physicians Who Hurt! Hippocratic or Hippocratic Oath by Mark Prober and Kurt Skakum, associate professors of psychiatry and Andrew Hall Stanley Koodoo, assistant professors of psychiatry, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Stroke and Vascular Disease, New Insights into The Biology and Therapeutics of The Natriuretic Peptides in Cardiomyopathic Dog by John Burnett, Jr., director, Mayo Cardiovascular Research Centre, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, Samuel Cohen Auditorium, St. Boniface Research Centre, 12 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Bannatyne Campus AND ST. BONIFACE RESEARCH CENTRE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
Surgery Interdisciplinary Trauma Rounds, Obstetrical Brachial Plexus Palsies by Susan Nasser-Sharif, Theatre A, Basic Medical Sciences Building/ Linked to Sam Choon Auditorium, St. Boniface Research Centre, 7:45 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
Pediatric Grand Rounds, Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Therapy in the Genomic Era by William Carroll, professor of pediatric, chief, division of pediatric hematology/oncology, director, Stephen D. Hasselfeld Children’s Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases, NYU Medical Center, CancerCare Lecture Theatre, ON2134, Health Sciences Centre, 8 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 29.

Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology, Theologically Based Approaches to Cancer Therapy: Lessons from Childhood Leukemia by William Carroll, Julie and Edward J. Minskoff, Professor of Pediatrics, head, division of pediatric hematology/oncology, director, Stephen D. Hasselfeld Children’s Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases, NYU Medical Center, CancerCare Lecture Theatre - ON2134, Health Sciences Centre, 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 29.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5
Obstetrics and Gynecology Undergraduate Awards, Managing the Pregnant Traveller by M. O’Brien, resident, department of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences, Theatre A Basic Medical Sciences Building, with links to NG002 St. Boniface General Hospital, 7:45 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Special Research Seminar, Update on idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis: Identifying molecular mechanisms that influence the pathogenesis of disease by Darryl Knight, Canada Research Chair in Airway Disease, department of pharmacology and therapeutics, University of British Columbia, James Hogg iCAPTURE Centre for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Research, 8205 Respiratory Conference Room, Respiratory Hospital, 3:45 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6
Special Research Seminar, Using the pediatric epidermal growth factor receptor to unlock novel mechanisms in the pathogenesis of asthma by Darryl Knight, Canada Research Chair in Airway Disease, department of pharmacology and therapeutics, University of British Columbia, James Hogg iCAPTURE Centre for Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Research, 500 John Buhler Research Centre, Thursday, Oct. 6.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7
Community Health Sciences Colloquium, The Risks and the Risks of Male Circumcision: Medical and Socio-Cultural Perspectives by Robert C. Bailey, professor, School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago, Dr. Betty Havens Seminar Room, 8060 Medical Rehabilitation Building. 771 McDermot Ave., 12 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7.

Arts & Entertainment

ALUMNI HOMECOMING CONCERT
Eva Clare Hall, Faculty of Music, 7 p.m., Thursday, September 22

MUSIC EVENTS
Piano recital, Eva Clare Hall, 12:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23.
Recital, Eva Clare Hall, 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28.
Vocal recital, Candia Griffin, Eva Clare Hall, 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 29.
Recital, Eva Clare Hall, 12:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30.
Four Diva’s and a Tenor, Eva Clare Hall, 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30.
Faculty recital, Connie Griflin, clarinet, Oleg Pokhanovski, violin, Earl Stafford, piano, Eva Clare Hall, 12:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 3.
Recital, Eva Clare Hall, 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4.
Recital, Eva Clare Hall, 12:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7.
Grad Recital, Rebecca Ilfand, Eva Clare Hall, 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7.

ST. JOHN’S COLLEGE
St. John’s hosts exhibits in its Quiet Room Gallery, Room 111. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, but please contact 474 8531 to confirm.

MY BEAUTIFUL WAR by Paul Robles

September 13 to October 20
“My Beautiful War” features new works based on the ideas of conflict, the seduction of battle and the perversion of war. These works are unique and full of intricate details that reproduce symbols and images from contemporary culture. The confrontational nature of the subject matter provides a startling contrast to the works delicate, lacy, Asian-influenced form and tradition. This contrast, according to the artist, is designed to convey an uneasy mixture of cultural tradition and surrealistic figurations that engage the viewer in an unsettling dialogue about the seduction of battle and the perversion of war in our culture.

GALLERY ONE ONE ONE

Gallery One One One is located on the main floor of the Fitzgerald Building. It is open Monday to Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

RICHARD WILLIAMS Curated by Cliff Eyland

September 6 to 23
Born in 1921, Williams has lived in Winnipeg since 1954 as an artist, university art teacher and long-term director (1954-1973) of the University of Manitoba School of Art. He has also organized exhibitions, including the 1950s and 1960s nationally-judged “Winnipeg Shows” at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Williams’ exhibition is a small survey of his work accompanied by a CD-ROM/web publication that includes an interview with the artist and an essay by Cliff Eyland; an essay about Williams’ Naked Block Party works by Meka Walsh; and key essays from past Gallery One One One shows by Dale Amundson and the late George Swinton.

ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

It’s All Relative: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Einstein’s Theory of Special Relativity September 2 to October 3

Science and Technology Library

Archives and Special Collections celebrates the 100th Anniversary of Einstein’s Theory of Special Relativity with a special display in the Sciences and Technology Library. The display includes Albert Einstein’s letter to U of M professor Frank Allen and rare physics texts.

Homecoming 2005 events

Homecoming 2005 runs Sept. 22 to 25 at the University of Manitoba. Here’s a few of the events that will be taking place.

GALA CONCERT
Thursday, September 22 7 p.m., Eva Clare Hall

CAMPUS TOURS
Friday, September 23 10 a.m and 2 p.m., Alumni House
"HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME
Saturday, September 24 Doors open at 1 p.m. with kickoff at 1 p.m., University Stadium

BANQUET
Saturday, September 24 Cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m., Canad Inn Polo Park

For more information, please visit: www.umanitoba.ca/alumni.
Sirant serves as guest coach with Nashville Predators

BY CHRIS ZUK
Bison Sports information officer

Manitoba Bison men’s hockey head coach and 2004-05 Canada West Coach of the Year, Mike Sirant attended the Nashville Predators training camp as a guest coach from Sept. 12-20. Sirant joined former Bison player/coach Barry Trotz as he embarks on his eighth NHL season at the helm of the Predators. Sirant was invited upon to lend expertise on the elimination of the red-line and the strategies involved in playing without it as they have already been instituted into CIS university play.

“The knowledge gained from the NHL guest coach experience will strengthen the Bison Men’s Hockey Program,” Sirant said. This is the first time Sirant has been a guest coach with a NHL team.

“We’re excited to have a coach the calibre of Mike Sirant bring his expertise to our camp,” Trotz noted in a news release. “With the changes to the NHL game that have been instituted for 2005-06, such as playing without the red-line, Mike can bring his own experience from CIS university play.”

After the Predators camp, Sirant will return to coach the Bisons for his 13th season. He will be focused on returning the Bisons to the CIS National Championships where last season they played in the Nationals for the first time in 40 years and finished in the Final 4.

29 University of Manitoba Members Receive Merit Awards For 2004

The Collective Agreement between the University of Manitoba and the University of Manitoba Faculty Association includes provision for merit awards, granted to Members to recognize outstanding achievement in a given calendar year. The amount of each award is $3,000.

The two joint University-UMFA committees responsible for administering the merit awards recently made their decisions for the calendar year 2004. Each recipient received a joint congratulatory letter from University President Emöke J.E. Szathmáry and UMFA President John Whiteley.

The following individuals were the recipients of merit awards in the categories specified:

Social Sciences, Humanities and Fine Arts

Douglas Brownridge, Family Social Sciences; John Bempel, English; Louise Renee, French; Spanish and Italian; Susan Strega, Social Work, for teaching.

Maria Cheung, Social Work; Alvin Esau, Law; Tuula Heinonen, Social Work; Harvey Keesman, Psychology, for research, scholarly work and other creative activities.

Joan Durrant, Family Social Sciences; Joannie Halas, Physical Education; Susan Prentice, Sociology, for service.

Oliver Botar, School of Art; Michael Freund, Chemistry; Ralph Stavert, Computer Engineering, for teaching.

Jim Philp, Biosystems Engineering, for teaching.

Randy Herrmann, Engineering Access Program; Dilantha Fernando, Plant Science; William Marsden, Computer Science, for research, scholarly work and other creative activities.

Don Flanze, Soil Science; Randy Herrmann, Engineering Access Program, for service.

Joan Durrant, Family Social Sciences; Joannie Halas, Physical Education; Susan Prentice, Sociology, for service.

Michael Freund, Chemistry; James Hare, Zoology; J.C. Plaizer, Animal Science; Ralph Stavert, Computer Science, for research, scholarly work and other creative activities.

Don Flanze, Soil Science; Randy Herrmann, Engineering Access Program, for service.

Yuko Sato, Sociology; John Whiteley, Computer Engineering, for research.

Sheri Blake, City Planning; Dilantha Fernando, Plant Science; Daniel Mann, Biosystems Engineering; Jaqueec Buis, Occupational Therapy, for any combination of teaching, research, scholarly work and other creative activities and service.

ACADEMIC JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A full listing of employment opportunities at the University of Manitoba can be found at www.umanitoba.ca. The University of Manitoba encourages applications from qualified women and men, including members of visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Please include the position number when applying for openings at the university.

FACULTY OF ARTS

Department of Philosophy

Position: Department head
Start date: July 1, 2006
Application deadline: Oct. 21
Position number: MA 414
For information: Dr. Richard Sigurdson, dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Manitoba, 310 Fletcher Arge building, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 5V5

Department of Psychology

Position: Assistant professor for the CPA and APA accredited clinical psychology training program
Start date: July 1
Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience
Application deadline: Nov. 25
Position number: 02605
For information: Professor Harvey Keselman, chair, psychology search committee, department of psychology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2.

I.H. ASPER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Department of Business Administration

Position: Assistant professor in human resource management/industrial relations
Start date: July 1, 2006
Salary: Competitive and will depend on qualifications, experience, and teaching and research experience.
Application deadline: Oct. 31
Position number: MA 820
For information: Dr. Bill Notz, chair, human resource management search committee, I.H. Asper School of Business, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 5V4, phone 474-8425, fax 474-7545, e-mail notzwm@ms.umanitoba.ca

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning

Position: Assistant professor in Social Studies Curriculum and Instruction
Start date: July 1, 2006
Application deadline: Dec. 2
Position number: MA 779
For information: Dr. Francine Morin, head, department of curriculum, teaching and learning, 261 Education, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2, fax 474-7550, e-mail fmorin@cc.umanitoba.ca

CLASSIFIED ADS

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BISON SPORTS

DENISSET A CIS TOP 8 ACADEMIC ALL-CANADIAN

When Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) announced the student-athlete honours as Top 8 Academic All-Canadians for the 2004-05 season, Manitoba Bisons hockey player Paul Denisset emerged as the male recipient for Canada West.

Every year, a growing number of CIS student-athletes are recognized as Academic All-Canadians, having maintained a grade point average (GPA) of 80 per cent or better over the academic year while playing on one of their university’s varsity teams. In 2004-05, over 2,000 student-athletes reached the academic All Canadian status.

Athletic director Coleen Dufresne said, “Paul is an example for all of our student athletes to follow. His achievements both in the classroom and on the ice demonstrate what being a Bison and what being a CIS Student Athlete should be.”

One female and one male from each CIS regional association are selected annually as Top 8 Academic All-Canadians.

BISON FOOTBALL GETS TOP TEN RANKING

For the first time since the 2003 season, Bison Football is back into the CIS Top 10. The Bisons are ranked number nine heading into week three. The team holds a 1-1 record and comes off a close 27-23 loss to number 2 ranked Saskatchewan on Saturday. Sept. 10.

“We have said throughout that we will be playing a competitive, hard-nose brand of football and are pleased that our efforts have been recognized across country. We are looking forward to the rest of the season,” Bison football head coach Brian Dobie said.

Manitoba was last ranked in the CIS Top 10 on Sept. 9, 2003 when they were number eight in the nation.

SOCCER TEAM NETS FIRST WIN

The Manitoba Bisons made history with their first ever Canada West win in women’s soccer. The hosts downed the Lethbridge Pronghorns on Sept. 11 by a score of 2-0 and took four of six points from their weekend series.

The Bisons improved their early record to 1-0-1 while the Pronghorns dropped to 0-1-1.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
U of M research reaches new heights

By Frank Nolan, Research Promotion Officer

A lot of determination and a little bit of luck has put University of Manitoba researcher Mark Loewen literally at the top of the world.

Loewen, currently working on his PhD in environmental chemistry, is studying the accumulation of organic pollutants and trace metals on Mt. Everest. He has traveled to the Nepal side of the mountain six times, and recently returned from his first trip to the Tibetan Plateau on the northern slope.

His research, co-supervised by Feiyue Wang, chemistry/environment and geography, and Gregg Tomy, chemistry/Freshwater Institute, has recently received funding support from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). When he first proposed his idea in 2003, however, such funding was simply not available.

“When I finished my master’s degree in 1995, I decided to do some traveling,” Loewen said. “In the next five years, I had done some field work in the Rockies, Alberta, so I thought it was time to begin my own research. The difficult part was finding someone who would send me to Mt. Everest.”

Loewen was able to convince Wang and Tomy that he could do his Everest research on a shoestring budget.

“We decided to try to do it very cheaply. I know how to travel for next to nothing in Asia, and all the sampling procedures I use are geared towards simplicity and potential access for developing nations,” he said.

In 2003, Loewen began collecting data from the southern slope of Mt. Everest in Nepal. His research is focused on a process called orographic cold trapping, which results in volatile chemicals like DDT, or trace metals such as mercury, becoming permanently deposited on mountains. Loewen uses passive air samplers to measure chemicals in the air, and he takes core samples to measure accumulations in soil and snow.

While the accumulation of pollutants in mountains has been widely studied in North America, the process is not as well understood in the Himalayas.

“This environment is very complicated, and air mass movement in Asia is very complex,” Loewen said. “In this region, chemical usage is high, and they don’t have the history and experience in understanding the environmental impact that we do in North America. Hopefully we’ll be able to help them out.”

For close to two years, Loewen’s research was focused exclusively on the south side of Mt. Everest in Nepal, but in early 2005, a stroke of good fortune allowed him to join a Chinese expedition to the Tibetan side of the mountain.

In February, Feiyue Wang was on sabbatical in China when he learned that the Chinese government was planning a large scientific expedition to the north side of Mt. Everest.

“This was a unique opportunity, so I tried to see if we could get Mark onto the team for this expedition,” Wang said. “We were really lucky, and they agreed to include him.”

The Chinese team expedited Loewen’s paperwork, and in April he joined the expedition. While some scientists studied atmospheric physics in the region, and others planned to re-measure the height of Mt. Everest, Loewen joined researchers interested in the deposition of chemicals and particulates and how it relates to climate change.

Working at high elevations can be dangerous, even for a seasoned veteran like Loewen. Early in the expedition, he was afflicted with a case of altitude sickness that forced him back down the mountain to recover.

“Altitude sickness usually happens when you go up too fast, and that’s what happened in my case,” Loewen said. “I had been in Tibet recently, so I figured I was acclimatized. I had to go back down to pick up a new visa and get some more supplies, and when I returned to Mt. Everest, I was picked up in a vehicle and taken from 1,800 metres to the base camp at 5,200 metres in only two days.”

Loewen said he felt fine for a day or two, but when he started coughing up blood he knew he was in trouble.

“I recognized the feeling because I had experienced a low-level case before. That was in Nepal, where you have to walk up from 2,600 metres, so you are acclimatizing as you go. This time my lungs began to fill with fluid and blood, I was coughing all the time—and I couldn’t sleep. They advised me to stay up there and just rest, but I decided that it would be better to go back down.”

In spite of his close call, Loewen was able to continue his research, taking samples from the northern slope of Mt. Everest at an elevation of 6,300 metres, a height he had never reached before.

“The interesting thing about working at that elevation is that you can capture both summer and winter precipitation as snowfall,” Loewen said. “You can take a core sample that shows the whole timeline right there in the snow pack.”

In August, Loewen received an IDRC Doctoral Research Award. The funding will allow him to continue his research into organic pollutants and trace metals on the Tibetan Plateau, working closely with the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He plans to return to the mountain next month.
Let the new year begin!

The University of Manitoba kicked off the 2005-06 academic year with a round of special events for new and returning students. There was entertainment in the Duckworth Quadrangle, wall climbing and even candy floss.

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U of M ready to host students and staff from Gulf Coast

The University of Manitoba has opened its doors to students and faculty members displaced from their institutions because of the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina.

“The University of Manitoba community is shocked by the magnitude of this disaster,” president Emőke Szathmáry said earlier this month.

“It is difficult to comprehend the stress that individuals are under – many losing loved ones, possessions and their institutions of work and study. I know that our community will welcome individuals from the hurricane areas with open arms.”

As part of its accommodation for displaced students and staff from the American Gulf Coast, the University of Manitoba has pledged to:

• accept undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled at universities in the affected areas.
• for students with no documentation, a letter from them attesting as to their academic background will be sufficient to issue a letter of acceptance.
• deem students to be from Minnesota and therefore pay tuition fees charged to Canadian students (the Province of Manitoba and the State of Minnesota entered into a reciprocal agreement whereby students pay the tuition charged at the university of registration).
• welcome faculty members with the provision of office space, and laboratory space, if requirements can be met. These arrangements might appeal, in particular, to faculty members who have some collaboration with University of Manitoba faculty members.
• arrange accommodation for students and faculty members.
• arrange for graduate and undergraduate students to enrol in the University of Manitoba Students’ Union health and dental plan, which provides coverage for dental and medical services.

The U of M’s offer has been taken up by at least one student who had planned to study on the Gulf Coast.